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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Generic Proceeding to Investigate Emergency Services Continuity Plans

Docket No. 2005-100-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am writing in reference to the letter dated August 17, 2005, filed by Verizon in this docket requesting a continuance of the hearing set for August 31, 2005. The Office of Regulatory Staff agrees that it will benefit the Commission and all interested parties to discuss the issues raised in the pre-filed direct testimony prior to a formal hearing in an effort to reach a consensus and minimize any unresolved matters. Therefore, ORS joins with Verizon in requesting such a continuance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Benjamin P. Mustian

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DOCKET NO. 2005-100-C

IN RE:

Generic Proceeding to Investigate Emergency Services Continuity Plans)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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This is to certify that I, Rena Grant, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the **Request for Continuance** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

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